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Application No.: 09/892,199 Group Art Unit: 1731

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Title: TOTAL CHLORINE FREE BLEACHING OF ARUNDO DONAX PULP

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

March 31, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

X 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows. Please consider the Amendment/Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 3, 2003.

X 2. Small entity status was previously asserted and continues to be appropriate.

X 3. Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated December 2, 2002, set to expire on March 2, 2003, be extended by 1 month, to expire on April 2, 2003. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$55.00.

X 4. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee	-	=	x	=	375
Total Claims	15	- 15	= 0	x 9	= 0
Independent Claims	3	- 3	= 0	x 42	= 0
Extension of Time			+	55	55
TOTAL					\$430

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X 5. Check No. 1460958 in the amount of \$430.00, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.

X 6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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